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1. SUMMARY: AMB MYRDAL PREVIEWED ISSUES SWEDEN INTENDS

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PURSUE IN FALL SESSION UNGA, LISTING COMPREHENSIVE TEST

BAN (CTB), CONVENTION ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW), ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT ORGANIZATION, AND ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN RESERVATIONS TO GENEVA PROTOCOL. SHE THEN ADVISED THE CCD OF NEED TO "BROADEN THE HORIZONS OF DISARMAMENT" AND CALLED FOR BANS AGAINST FUTURE "EXOTIC" WEAPONS SYSTEMS. SHE TOUCHED ON DEMILITARIZATION OF THE SEABED AND WEATHER MODIFICATION, AMONG OTHERS, AND CALLED FOR REDUCTIONS OR LIMITATIONS OF MILITARY EXPENDITURES. SHE DEVOTED DISCUSSION PRINCIPALLY TO QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENTS IN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH HAVE TAKEN ON CHARACTER OF MASS TERROR WEAPONS. THESE WEAPONS, INCLUDING NAPALM, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED INITIALLY BY ICRC, RATHER THAN CCD. HER STATEMENT DEALT AT LENGTH WITH "MINI-NUKES", WHICH, SHE SAID, BLUR PRESENT DISTINCTION BETWEEN CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS. SHE WARNED THAT INTRODUCTION OF NEW GENERATION OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS WOULD AFFECT PREMISES ON WHICH ADHERENCE TO NPT BASED. SHE PRESENTED LIST OF FIVE QUESTIONS ASKED FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION FROM US AND SOVIET UNION. (FULL TEXT OF THIS PART OF SPEECH SENT SEPTEL NOTAL.) SHE CONCLUDED BY REPEATING SWEDISH SUPPORT FOR A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE OR, AS A STOP GAP, A SESSION OF UN DISARMAMENT COMMISSION. END SUMMARY.

2. AMB MYRDAL, PREDICTING CCD WOULD APPEAR EMPTY-HANDED BEFORE UNGA, PREVIEWED ISSUES SWEDEN INTENDS PURSUE IN GA FALL SESSION. AFTER MENTIONING CTB AND CW AS PRIORITY ITEMS, SHE DESCRIBED ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT ORGANIZATION AS URGENT SINCE 1975 NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE MUST BE PLANNED BY CENTRAL UN BODY DURING 1974. SHE CALLED FOR ADDITIONAL WORK ON GENEVA PROTOCOL TO INCREASE NUMBER OF PARTIES AND TO PERSUADE NATIONS TO DROP VARIOUS RESERVATIONS. SHE SAID A FREEZE OR REDUCTION IN MILITARY EXPENDITURES WOULD RESULT IN DISARMAMENT. IN A PLEA TO "BROADEN HORIZONS OF DISARMAMENT," SHE URGED ATTENTION BE GIVEN TO MEASURES TO ERECT BANS AGAINST FUTURE "EXOTIC" WEAPONS SYSTEMS, POINTING OUT THAT NON-ARMAMENT IS EASIER TO ATTAIN THAN DISARMAMENT. SHE MENTIONED DEMILITARIZATION OF SEA-BED AS ILLUSTRATION, AS WELL AS WEATHER MODIFICATION.

3. SHE SAID THAT DISCUSSION OF QUANTITATIVE LIMITATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS BELONG IN REGIONAL NEGOTIATING FORUMS. MME MYRDAL WAS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT QUALITATIVE CHANGES WHICH COULD LEAD TO "TRUE TERROR" WEAPONS. SWEDEN THOUGHT THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED INITIALLY IN ICRC FORUMS.

4. SHE WARNED THAT MILITARY TECHNOLOGY TRENDS THREATEN THE VIABILITY OF NPT BY LEADING TO DEVELOPMENTS WHICH COULD MAKE THE NPT MORE DISCRIMINATORY AGAINST NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON

STATES. SHE CHARGED THAT NEW GENERATION OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS WOULD "DRASTICALLY AGGRAVATE THE NUCLEAR THREAT AGAINST NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES EVERYWHERE". SHE STRESSED THAT AN ABSOLUTE "FIREBREAD" MUST BE KEPT BETWEEN NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL WAS AND SAID THE INTRODUCTION OF "MINI-NUKES" WOULD BLUR THE PRESENT DISTINCTION. INTRODUCTION OF SUCH WEAPONS, SHE CONTINUED, WOULD BRING ABOUT A FUNDAMENTALLY NEW SITUATION AND WOULD AFFECT POSSIBLE WAR THREATERS AROUND THE GLOBE, NOT RESTRICTED TO CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN THE SUPERPOWERS.

5. AMB MYRDAL CALLED ON THE US AND THE USSR TO REPLY RAPIDLY AND FULLY TO FIVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING DEVELOPMENT AND PLANS FOR DEPLOYMENT OF "MINI-NUKES", RELATIONSHIP TO CONCLUSION OF CTB, AND HOW "MINI-NUKES" ARE TO BE INTERPRETED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE RECENT NIXON-BREZHNEV AGREEMENT ON THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR AND SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 255 (1968) ON SECURITY ASSURANCE TO NON-NUCLEAR NATIONS.

6. IN SUMMING UP VIEW THAT FULL AND WELL-ORGANIZED PROGRAM IS NEEDED TO ADDRESS OUTSTANDING DISARMAMENT ISSUES, AMB MYRDAL REPEATED SWEDISH SUPPORT FOR WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE OR, AS A STOPGAP, A SESSION OF THE UN DISARMAMENT COMMISSION.

7. NEXT PLENARY MEETING, TUESDAY, AUG 14, 1973.

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